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SUBJECT: STATE SECRETARY ROHR'S LETTER RE DRIED PRUNE
LICENSING AND DUTY SUSPENSION

REF: BONN 16243

1. STATE SEC.ROHR (FEDMINAG) SENT AGATT ANDERSON LETTER
ON OCT.27 AS TRANSLATED BELOW IN RESPONSE TO OUR
LETTER OF SEPT.29. ANOTHER FEDMINAG OFFICIAL HAS SINCE
TOLD US THAT COMMISSION IN BRUSSELS TOLD MEMBER STATE
GOV'TS IT WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISED AT LACK OF STRONG
REACTION BY US GOVERNMENT TO ITS NEGATIVE
DECISIONS.

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2. TEXT OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

RE: COMMON MARKET REGULATION FOR PROCESSED FRUITS AND
VEGETABLES; SPECIFICALLY LICENSING AND DEPOSIT RE-
QUIREMENT FOR DRIED PRUNES.

DEAR MR.ANDERSON:

I HAVE READ YOUR STATEMENT OF POSITION WITH GREAT

INTEREST. PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT THE GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL ENERGETICALLY RESIST ALL ATTEMPTS TO RESTRICT INTERNATIONAL TRADE, WHEREVER THEY OCCUR. I KNOW THAT YOU, YOUR GOVERNMENT AND I ARE ALIKE IN OUR ENDEAVORS IN THIS FIELD. AS YOU KNOW, THE FED.GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS A POLICY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EC WHICH IS BASED ON ARTICLE 110 OF THE EC TREATY AND WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, SO AS TO ASSURE SUFFICIENT ROOM FOR THIRD COUNTRY IMPORTS - INCLUDING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS - INTO THE COMMUNITY. AS TO YOUR CONCERN REGARDING THE IMPORT PROVISIONS FOR DRIED PRUNES, CONTAINED IN THE THIRD COUNTRY REGULATION FOR PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES, I CANNOT SHARE YOUR FEARS. YOU HAVE BEEN AWARE THAT AN IMPORT LICENSE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE IMPORT OF DRIED PRUNES AS OF JAN.1, 1978 SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF EC COUNCIL REGULATION 1927/75 OF JULY 22,1975, IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES NO.L 198/7 OF JULY 29,1975. THIS IMPORT LICENSE ALONG WITH A DEPOSIT OF 1 U.A. PER 100 KGS. NET WEIGHT (WITHOUT PACKAGING) CANNOT, HOWEVER, BE CONSIDERED AS A RESTRICTIVE IMPORT MEASURE. THE LICENSE SERVES ONLY TO MONITOR IMPORTS; NO TRADE BARRIER OR RESTRICTION IS CONNECTED WITH ITS APPLICATION. I CAN THEREFORE SEE NO WAY TO PREVENT THE IMPORT LICENSE SYSTEM FROM TAKING EFFECT AS OF JAN.1,1978.

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THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TOOK UP YOUR PROPOSAL TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE TARIFF FOR DRIED PRUNES, AND STRONGLY SUPPORTED IT IN THE APPROPRIATE EC COMMITTEES. THE PROPOSAL FOR A DUTY SUSPENSION, HOWEVER, DID NOT OBTAIN THE SUPPORT OF ALL DELEGATIONS. NONETHELESS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO OBSERVE THE DRIED PRUNE MARKET SITUATION CLOSELY AND, SHOULD THE MARKET SITUATION WARRANT, MAKE ANOTHER ATTEMPT IN BRUSSELS TO OBTAIN SUCH A MEASURE. SINCERELY,SIGNED ROHR.

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